

DeBakey High School
SAT Prep
Course Syllabus Spring 2009

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Overview: SAT Prep is a one semester course with half focusing on verbal and written skills and half focusing on math. Students improve vocabulary, writing skills, and math application.

Expectations: Students shall be:

1. Ready: arrive to class on time with appropriate supplies.
2. Respectful: respect peers' and adults' education, person, and space.
3. Responsible: complete work on time; be accountable for actions.
4. **NO GUM**, food, or drink other than water in class.

Policies:

1. Attendance: guidelines set in the student handbook shall be strictly enforced.
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3. Make-up work: 3 school days, not class days, shall be given for work completion; students are responsible for collecting missed work either before or after school or from their class folder during passing period.
4. Late work: work turned in after due date and time shall receive a 70% at best if turned in the next class period. All work turned in after this time shall receive a zero.
5. Test return: No exams shall leave the classroom. Students may view graded tests during class once all make-up exams have been completed. Students and/or parents may review test results and answers before/after school or during a mutually agreed upon time.

Scope: Throughout the nine weeks: vocabulary; reading skills; academic writing.

Grading:

Cycle 4:		Cycle 5:	
Common Assessment	10%	Homework	10%
Homework	10%	Daily work	25%
Daily work	25%	Essays	30%
Essays	25%	Quizzes, tests	35%
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Conduct: an "S" shall be given for failure to follow the above stated classroom expectations.

Materials: Barron's Hot Words for the SAT 2007 edition by Linda Carnevale; Barron's Writing Workbook for the New SAT; supplemental resources from Prentice Hall and others to be announced.

Supplies:

1. Notebook or binder with identified section
2. Pens/pencils (including #2)
3. Notebook paper
4. 3 x 5 index cards

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Please return this signed form by: August 28, 2008.

Student name (printed): _____

Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Parent email: _____

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